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MARCH UNIFORM PRICE \$3.83

Dairy farmers will receive a uniform price of \$3.83 for March 1959 deliveries of Grade A milk to handlers under the South Bend-LaPorte-Elkhart, Indiana, milk order. The uniform price is based upon a butterfat test of 3.5 percent and will be adjusted by a differential of 6.9 cents for each one tenth percent that tests vary above or below the 3.5 percent standard. This minimum price is subject to a 3 cent per hundredweight marketing service deduction, together with the authorized hauling charge.

PRODUCER RECEIPTS

Daily receipts of producer milk are only up 1 percent over February, which is considered a very small increase for this season. A year ago daily producer receipts were 4.4 percent higher in March than in February. It will also be noted that daily herd production was 11 pounds more a year ago than it is for this month. An estimate of 22 million pounds of producer receipts for March was made a month ago, which was about 400 thousand pounds more than was actually received in March. The factors affecting this slow rise in production were bad weather and the base-excess plan that becomes effective in April.

CLASS I SALES

Class I sales on a daily basis are down 2.31 percent from February 1959. One of the contributing factors for this is a loss of store sales by some of the local handlers to handlers from another Federal order. Of the 21.6 million pounds of producer receipts for the March delivery period, 16.5 million pounds were allocated to Class I, which makes a Class I utilization of 76.13 percent. This means that out of every 100 pounds of producer milk, 76 pounds is being sold in Class I, 5 pounds in Class II, and 19 pounds in Class III.

CLASS I PRICE

The Class I price for the April 1959 delivery period will be \$3.99 per hundredweight for 3.5 percent milk. This price was computed by adding \$0.90 per hundredweight to the average price of the 12 condenseries in March 1959 (\$3.01), and adding the supply-demand adjustment of 8 cents. The supply-demand adjustment for the May 1959 delivery period will be a plus 4 cents. For the April delivery period two prices will be announced, a uniform base price and an excess price.

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UTILIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MILK

	March 1959		March 1958	
	Reported	Data	Audited	Data
	Product	Butterfat	Product	Butterfat
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
CLASS I				
Milk	13,903,137	499,293	9,757,329	348,656
Skim Milk	102,562	123	115,686	622
Fortified Skim Milk	1,323,455	26,395	1,124,833	22,443
Buttermilk	155,613	1,197	141,960	1,009
Flavored Milk & Drink	539,698	16,036	302,074	9,085
Cereal Mixture	299,886	37,279	258,258	31,552
Coffee Cream	26,808	5,398	17,004	3,376
Whipping Cream	42,431	15,577	20,636	7,096
Sour Cream	11,983	2,400	9,725	1,799
Eggnog	--	--	232	21
Total Class I Utilization	16,405,573	603,698	11,747,737	425,659
Add: Class I Shrinkage	58,101	6,091	48,134	2,232
Subtract: Other Source Receipts	21	21	18,570	623
Subtract: Overage	--	--	--	--
Net Class I	16,463,653	609,768	11,777,301	427,268
CLASS II				
Used to Produce Cottage Cheese	1,146,634	12,790	1,272,591	14,663
Subtract: Other Source Receipts	93	93	--	--
Subtract: Overage	--	--	--	--
Net Class II	1,146,541	12,697	1,272,591	14,663
CLASS III				
Class III Products	3,934,804	216,012	3,760,514	201,261
Inventory Variation	(27,166)	(1,167)	144,787	6,979
Total Class III Utilization	3,907,638	214,845	3,905,301	208,240
Add: Class III Shrinkage	217,060	13,171	135,273	8,887
Subtract: Other Source Receipts	106,012	8,241	102,850	7,582
Subtract: Overage	3,721	10	11,600	389
Net Class III	4,014,965	219,765	3,926,124	209,156
TOTAL PRODUCER RECEIPTS	21,625,159	842,230	16,976,016	651,087

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

	March 1959	February 1959	March 1958
Total Production	21,625,159#	19,310,942#	16,976,016#
Average Daily Production	697,586#	689,676#	547,613#
March 1959 Prod. Compared With -	--	+ 1.15%	+ 27.39%
Number of Producers	1,301	1,296	1,001
Daily Herd Production	536#	532#	547#
Av. Test of Producer Milk Received	3.89468%	3.93440%	3.83533%
Av. Price 3.5% Milk	\$ 3.83	\$ 4.02	\$ 3.62
Chicago 92 Score Butter	\$.57750	\$.57750	\$.59308
Class I Sales	16,405,573#	15,168,747#	11,747,737#
Class I Daily Average	529,212#	541,741#	378,959#
March 1959 Sales Compared With -	--	- 2.31%	+ 39.65%
Total Value Paid Producers	\$887,134.67	\$834,181.25	\$654,948.83
Av. Monthly Milk Check Per Farm	\$ 681.89	\$ 643.66	\$ 652.34
Av. Daily Milk Check Per Farm	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.99	\$ 21.04
Producer Butterfat Differential	\$.069	\$.069	\$.071

